

NEWS SHEET

1st February 2026
(Candlemas)

WELCOME – to the Parish of All Saints, Danehill with Chelwood Gate website.

TODAY (1st) – Paddy is taking the nine thirty service of Traditional Morning Prayer at All Saints and Ash Kauffman is preaching at the eleven o'clock All Age, which is led by Josh Watson. At the nine thirty service we will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one (see below). The readings at nine thirty are Hebrews 2:14-18 and Luke 2:22-40.

LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICE (1st) – At the nine thirty Candlemas service today there will be a focus on the words of Simeon, 'Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace', and an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

NEXT SUNDAY (8th) – Paddy will be preaching at both morning services at All Saints, the nine thirty being Holy Communion, led by Paddy, and the eleven o'clock Informal, led by Kevin Cherry. The readings at both services will be Romans 8:18-25 and Matthew 6:25-34.

THURSDAY PRAYERS – We meet weekly for Thursday Prayers – on Zoom at 9.15am. Click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79541125884?pwd=MjJVU1kvVE9YVjNXMUxSYWx5eXVRdz09> or enter the Meeting ID: 795 4112 5884 and the passcode: letuspray.

GIVING – We are thankful to all who donate to the work of the church, enabling us to cover our costs and to show God's love in action. Why not join the Parish Giving Scheme which has no fees and Gift Aid (www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/ parish code: 100610523) or paper forms are at the back of the church.

NOAH'S ARK – Noah's Ark continues tomorrow, Monday 2nd February. Any queries to Sue on 01825 790936.

LENT COURSE – This year we are looking at the Gospel of Matthew and how it relates to us today. We meet on Mondays at 12.30pm at the Vicarage for a light lunch on 23rd February, 2nd March, 9th March and 23rd March. Please let Paddy or Gabriela know if you are planning to come or sign up at the back of church.

TNT YOUTH GROUP – Our next event is a Club Night on Thursday, 12th February in Danehill Memorial Hall from 6.30-7.45pm. See also the church website <https://www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk/weekdays/tnt-youth-group> or message Josh on the TNT phone 07305 659290.

MAY CAMP – Once again we are taking a group to May Camp! Dates are 22 – 25 May for School Years 7-11. If you are a parent and would like to know more, please contact Josh or complete this short form. <https://forms.gle/u8bXALaPVr6cL2B56>

HOME GROUPS – At the start of this new year, why not try a home group? Home groups meet on Wednesdays & Thursdays. You will be very welcome.

- 1. Wednesdays at 3pm on Zoom with Sue Hicks and Barbara Beedle.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84493971647?pwd=FiaUJSN0RtejU2Njdscm9ibndPdz09>
- 2. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Westwatch with Gabriela MacBain and Heather Kauffman.
- 3. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at 53 Oak Tree Cotts with Ash Kauffman and Josh Watson.
- 4. Thursdays at 11am with Heather Heath at 3 Searles Cottages.

Please speak to Ash or Paddy for further details.

UPCOMING DATES

- 1st Feb – Light a candle service
- 4th Feb – Funeral
- 9th Feb – Food For Thought
- 11th Feb – Contemplative Prayer
- 12th Feb - TNT
- 13th Feb – Ashdown Café
- 18th Feb – Ash Wednesday service
- 23rd Feb – First Lent Lunch

EARLY DATES – Please note that Contemplative Prayer and Food For Thought both meet a week earlier than usual this month.

ASH WEDNESDAY – There will be an Ash Wednesday Communion service at All Saints on 18th February at 10am.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." (Matthew 4:19)

ORGAN APPEAL – We are looking to raise around £8500 for re-conditioning work on the church organ. Your gift towards the maintenance of this beautiful worship instrument is appreciated. We are grateful to those who have contributed so far. Donations can be made via cheque or bank transfer to Danehill PCC, sort code: 30-96-26, account number 82113760, reference 'organ appeal'. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Amid the global concerns about health and conflict, please pray for peace and healing.
- Pray for Dame Sarah Mullally as she takes up the role of Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Pray for those who teach or speak on Sundays whether in church as a sermon, or at Sunday Club or Pathfinders.
- Pray for the family and friends of Michael Titmuss who died recently. The funeral will be this Wednesday, 4th February at All Saints at 11.30am.
- Ann Dale, Ruth Rowan, Evelyn Quarles, Amy Parrish, Will Loveridge, Gabriel Iacoban, Keith Usher, Jane Leuchars and Frances Mills.

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan - Pray for Strength to Stand (S2S) groups, which work to increase resilience and protection for some of the most persecuted, deprived and vulnerable Christian women in Pakistan. One participant, Shimon said, "I feel a new strength within me -a strength that comes from God's Word and the encouragement that I receive from my group family."

Pray for God's comfort and strength for Nawab Bibi, whose husband Zafar Bhatti died, shortly after being released from prison in October. He had been behind bars since 2012, having been falsely accused of blasphemy. Nawab is supported by a Release International partner.

Somalia - Pray for the underground church in Somalia. There are no church buildings in the country and evangelism is illegal. Pray that the church would remain faithful and grow in numbers as Christians meet in secret. Pray for the terrorist group al-Shabaab, which pursues and kills Christians within Somalia. May God bring many of its members to Christ.

Source, Release International Prayer Shield Jan 29/31.Feb 1/5/7 2026

Thank you for praying for Persecuted Christians in Pakistan and Somalia.

From Barbara.